IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. All of the claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below.

1.   (Original) A facsimile manager for operating printing and scanning functionality of a facsimile machine equipped with a bi-directional parallel interface, comprising:

an interface with a communication module which polls the facsimile machine via the bi-directional parallel interface to determine whether a scanned-in image or a received-fax image is present in facsimile memory, which obtains the scanned-in image or the received fax image via the bi-directional interface, and which accepts images and send-fax images from other Windows applications programs;

an in-box for storing image provided by the communication module, such images including the received-fax image and images from other Windows application programs;

an out-box for storing send-fax images that are provided by the communication module;

a scanning module which causes the communication module to initiate a scanning operation, which receives scanned-in image from the communication module, and which stores the scanned-in image in said in-box;

a fax module which gives send-fax data from said out-box to the communication module and which causes the communication module to transmit the

send-fax images via the bi-directional interface to the facsimile machine for subsequent facsimile transmission by the facsimile machine; and

a print module which gives images from said in-box or said out-box to the communication module and which causes the communication module to transmit the image via the bi-directional interface to the facsimile machine for subsequent print out by the facsimile machine.

2 to 20. (Cancelled).